

What's Inside

Surgeon Generals Visit



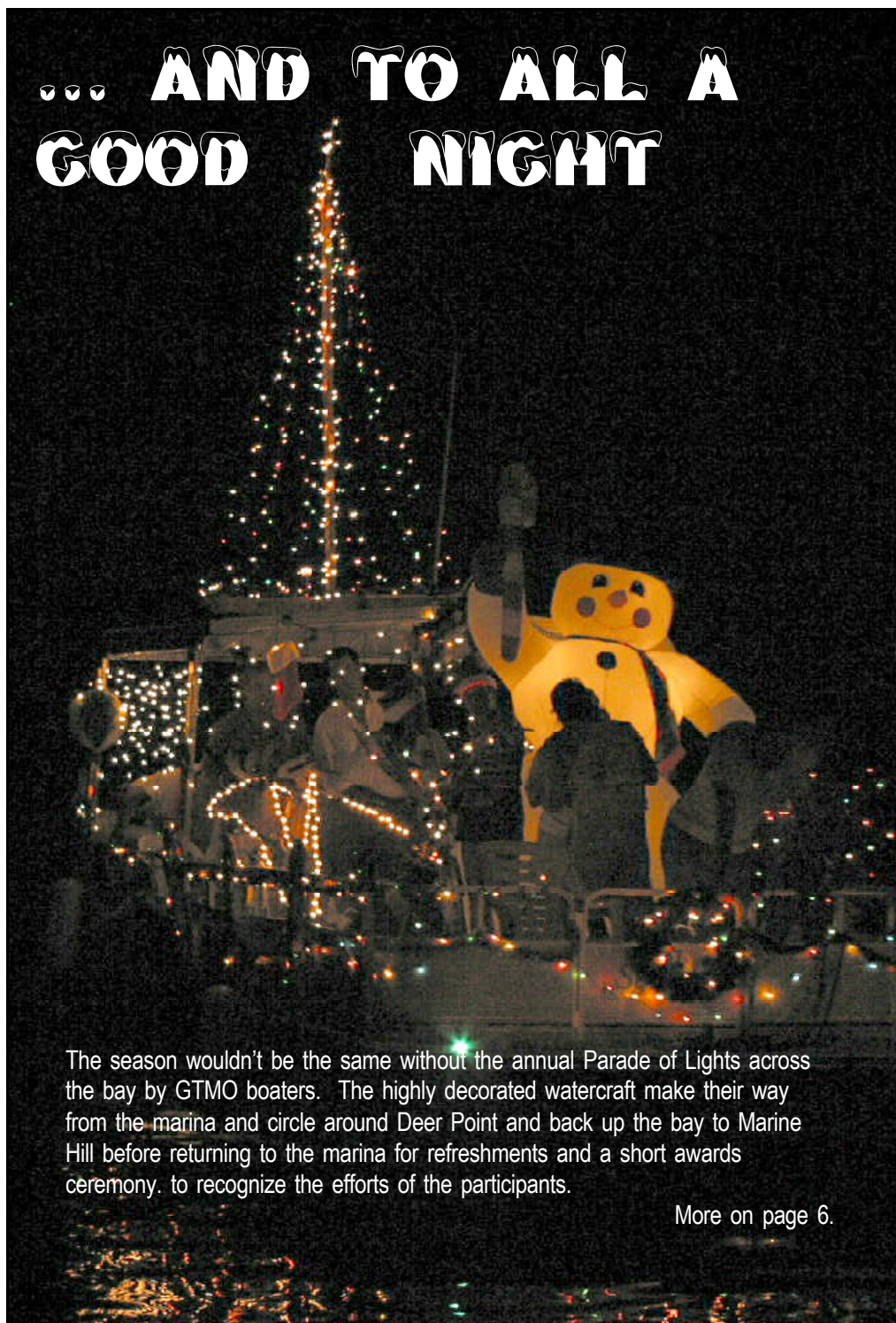
The four U.S. Surgeon Generals paid GTMO a visit to talk to the troops at the Naval Hospital and Camp America. More on page 7

Holiday Door Decorating Contest



In the spirit of the season, the staff in Bulkeley Hall decorated their doors in the hope that the judges soon would be there. See page 8.

... AND TO ALL A GOOD NIGHT



The season wouldn't be the same without the annual Parade of Lights across the bay by GTMO boaters. The highly decorated watercraft make their way from the marina and circle around Deer Point and back up the bay to Marine Hill before returning to the marina for refreshments and a short awards ceremony. to recognize the efforts of the participants.

More on page 6.

Energy Conservation

Motor use three-fourths of industrial electricity, three-fifths of all electricity, and more primary electricity than highway vehicles

Water Conservation

DEC. 9 - 15

Used 8,139,357.0
Daily avg. 1,162,765.3
Daily goal 1,000,000 gal

We spent \$61,547.78 over our budget for the week.

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Presidential Holiday Message

The President of the United States, George W. Bush, released the following message in celebration of the holidays:

"I send holiday greetings and salute our men and women who wear the uniform of our armed forces, serving our country with skill, honor and dedication.

All of you, our brave men and women who devote your lives to our armed forces, help protect the ideals that make our nation strong. You deserve every American's gratitude and full support. America's military will continue to receive the best training, equipment, and resources.

I am honored to be your Commander in Chief, and I join all Americans in expressing our gratitude for your sacrifice and service to our nation in this global war against terrorism. May God bless you and keep your families in his care, and may God continue to bless America."

George W. Bush

GTMO Fire Safety

Monday wasn't a good day for the driver of this trash truck as something ended up in the trash that was either still hot or chemical in nature. Those burning or combustible materials were then disposed of in the dumpster. That single act put this driver's life in jeopardy as he went about his work of emptying neighborhood dumpsters.

Fortunately for this driver, another motorist following the truck noticed burning material dripping on the pavement from underneath the truck and managed to warn the driver just before the flames engulfed the cab.

For the next few hours, GTMO firefighters, Security, emergency medical crews, HAZMAT and Kvaerner personnel worked to put out the hard to extinguish trash fire and to move the vehicle to a safer location behind Self Help.

There, Kvaerner equipment crews and Firefighters teamed up to empty the burning embers from the back of the truck and finally extinguish the fire.

The result, a burned out truck, the expenditure of a great number of man-hours and materials to overcome something that basic fire safety rules should have prevented.

Be aware of what you put in trash. Never dispose of recently burned coals or combinations of flammable chemicals in trash.

The results can be deadly!



December Tides Chart

Day	Time	Height	Time	Height	Time	Height	Time	Height
21	0236	-0.19	1020	1.71	1706	0.46	2114	0.72
22	0318	-0.19	1056	1.69	1742	0.43	2202	0.73
23	0406	-0.16	1138	1.64	1824	0.38	2302	0.76
24	0500	-0.09	1226	1.56	1900	0.30		
25	0014	0.81	0600	0.02	1308	1.46	1942	0.20
26	0132	0.90	0712	0.16	1356	1.33	2030	0.07
27	0250	1.04	0830	0.28	1444	1.20	2118	-0.07

Shining A Little Brighter

GTMO's Lighthouse and Museum reopens with a party for the community.



Above: Usually locked up, the lighthouse door and windows were opened so residents could take a peak inside.

Below: An added addition to the artifacts found outside the museum is this anchor. Children enjoyed being able to look, as well as touch.



Thanks to some innovative and helpful volunteers from U.S. Coast Guard Security Unit 307 and various supplies and equipment provided by the Seabees, the GTMO Lighthouse and Museum has received a much needed face-lift.

Community members gathered Saturday for the grand reopening and cookout courtesy of the OCSC.

If you didn't make the ceremony, all GTMO residents are invited to stop by the lighthouse on Saturdays from 1 to 3pm.



Above/Below: Part of the renovations included the repainting of murals both outdoors and in.



BRIEFS

Recycling Down

Recycling participation is at its all time low - less than 40 percent. Due to high costs and unprofitability of recycling certain material, **PAPER and CARDBOARD will NO longer be accepted at the Recycling Center.** Dispose of these items in your trash receptacles.

Recycling Bins are picked up from residential neighborhoods on TUESDAYS. Bins must be at the curb. If you need a bin, stop by the Recycling Center and pick one up.

Also, continue to turn in cans/bottles to Recycling Center for refund (\$0.05/can or bottle). Voucher will be given confirming number of cans/bottles turned in. Redeem voucher at NEX Cash Window.

The following items can be recycled (turn items into the Recycling center or place them in your blue bins): Plastic, Glass, Cans, Batteries, Metal, Computer Equipment

Aerosol Cans (metal) really need to go to Recycling Center - these EXPLODE when put in the fire.

Collect 20 recycling tickets and receive a free T-shirt. You will receive one ticket for each bin you put on your curb. You will also receive a ticket each time you deliver something to the recycling center. T-shirts are available at the Recycling Center.

CCC Scholarship for Guest Workers

City Colleges of Chicago is now accepting scholarship applications (tuition & books) for Term III/02-03 beginning January 13, 2003.

Applications are available at the City Colleges office on Chapel Hill. Ext. 3999. Apply by January 06, 2003

Holiday Carnival

The Child Development Center is hosting a Holiday Carnival on December 21 in the CDC Courtyard. The event kicks-off at 10am.

City Colleges of Chicago

Term III/2002-2003 Information and Course Schedule

Placement Test - December 26, 27, 30 – call 3999 to register for placement tests January 2 & 3, 2003.

Registration - January 6 - 11, 2003 from 8am to 4:30pm - Everyone is welcome. Bring completed registration forms, completed CCC Academic Policy Form, payments, and completed TA forms, if applicable.

Course Schedule - 13 January, 2003 - Classes Begin

17 January, 2003 - 1200 Noon End of Add/Drop

03-08 February - Midterm Exams

03-08 March, 2003 - Final Exams

08 March, 2003 - Last Day of Class

Tuition and Fees - Tuition is \$95 per credit hour. Therefore a 3-credit class is \$285, a 4-credit class is \$380, and a 5-credit class is \$475. A \$35 lab fee is charged for appropriate classes. All fees must be paid by bank draft, money order, VISA, or MasterCard. There is a \$25 processing fee for declined credit cards.

Tuition Assistance (Navy & Marine Corps) - Active duty members must **COMPLETE** tuition assistance paperwork **PRIOR TO** course registration. Tuition assistance will pay for 100% of tuition and fees (max of \$250.00 per semester hour) for up to 12 semester hours per fiscal year. TA forms can be picked up in the CCC office. **Please FAX your TA paperwork to Navy College Office in Kings Bay, Georgia. Fax # (912)673-3775 OR DSN: 573-3775. For information regarding off-duty Education in the Navy please contact Navy College Office in Kings Bay, GA. Phone: (912)673-2001 x4527 or 4574. Fax: (912)673-3775. DSN Prefix: 573 Email: susan.wheless@cnet.navy.mil**

Tuitions Assistance (Army) - For information regarding Army Tuition Assistance Policy please contact **HQ SOUTHCOM Joint Education Services Office in Miami, Florida. Phone: (305)437-1141. Fax # (305)437-1041 OR DSN: 567-1041. For information regarding off-duty Education in the Army please contact HQ, US Southern Command Joint Education Services Office in Miami, FL. Phone: (305)437-1141. Fax: (305)437-1041. DSN Prefix: 567.**

Available Classes for Term III

Monday/Wednesday - 4:50 - 7:20pm

ART 114 - Appreciation of Photography 3cr (RM 8) *C. Sluka*

CHEMISTRY 201 W/LAB - GENERAL CHEMISTRY I 5cr (RM 15) *G. Bellman* Prerequisite: Grade C or better in Chemistry 121 or one year of high school chemistry, or placement test.

COMPUTER INFORMATION SYSTEMS 250 – INTRODUCTION TO SYSTEMS 3cr (RM 13) *J. Cunningham*

ENGLISH 101 – COMPOSITION I 3cr (RM 14) *L. Hesmondhalgh*

HUMANITIES 201 - GENERAL COURSE I 3cr (RM 16) *S. Engelhart*

SOCIOLOGY 203-MARRIAGE AND FAMILY 3cr (RM 17) *D. Coakley*

Monday/Wednesday - 7:30 - 10:00pm

CRIMINAL JUSTICE 114 - Administration of Juvenile Justice 3cr (RM 14) *L. Hesmondhalgh*

EDUCATION 256 - THE AMERICAN PUBLIC SCHOOL 3cr (RM 15) *J. Blumenstock*

ENGLISH 102 - COMPOSITION II 3cr (RM 16) *M. Bellman*

MATHEMATICS 125 – INTRODUCTORY STATISTICS 4cr (RM 13) *M. Lowe* - Prerequisite: Grade C or better in Math 112, or Intermediate Algebra Certificate from NCLC, or placement test.

PSYCHOLOGY 213 - ABNORMAL PSYCHOLOGY 3cr (RM 17) *D. Coakley* - Prerequisite: Psychology 201 or consent of department chairperson.

Theater 131 – INTRODUCTION TO THEATER 3 cr (RM 8) *L. Moskey*:

Tuesday/Thursday - 4:50 - 7:20pm

COMPUTER INFORMATION SYSTEMS 158 - Beginning Internet 3cr (RM 17) *S. Kelly*

GEOLOGY 201 - Physical Geology 3cr (RM 14) *L. Hesmondhalgh*

SPANISH 101 – FIRST COURSE 4cr (RM 15) *M. Santiesteban*

SPANISH 102 – SECOND COURSE 4cr (RM 16) *H. Charry* - Grade C or better in Spanish 101 or placement test.

SPEECH 101 – FUNDAMMENTALS OF SPEECH COMMUNICATION 3cr (RM 8) *J. Stanton*:

PHILOSOPHY 110 – Social and Political Phylosophy 3cr (RM 13) *J. Ulfers*

Tuesday/Thursday - 7:30 - 10:00pm

BIOLOGY 114 W/LAB -GENERAL EDUCATION BIOLOGY 4cr (RM 16) *M. Lowry* - Prerequisite: Eligibility for ENG 101, collge level reading or consent of department chairperson. 3 lecture hours and 2 lab hours per week.

BUSINESS 268 - Introduction to Supervision 3cr (RM 17) *M. Santiesteban*

CRIMINAL JUSTICE 256 - Constitutional Law 3cr (RM 14) *L. Hesmondhalgh*

GEOGRAPHY 201 – PHYSICAL GEOGRAPHY 3cr (RM 15) *J. Blumenstock*

HISTORY 111 - History of the American people to 1865 3cr (RM 13) *T. Campbell*

OCEANOGRAPHY 101 – INTRODUCTION TO OCEANOGRAPHY 3cr (RM 8) *H. Charry*

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Chasing Away the Holiday Blues

From FamilyResource.com

Once again we find ourselves in the midst of the holiday season. Holidays are meant to bring joy and celebration but sometimes bring sadness and despair.

Changes in life, such as being separated from family and friends or living through the grief of a loss, can be hard. While this is true of any holiday, it is most true of winter holiday season. Having a difficult holiday experience is so common that it is often described as having the "Holiday Blues." The Holiday Blues are primarily caused by a sense of expectation and comparison of past holiday celebrations and memories along with a lack of planning and action.

It is no secret that many of us always have high expectations for the holidays. We often hope that they will make up for all the things that went wrong over the course of the past year. We expect family members to all be friendly, season's greetings to be sent, and gifts to be given. Happiness is supposed to reign – at least that is what the mass media through news stories, television specials, and advertising raise the hope for. The reality of "what is" often falls short of these expectations, and consequently there is disappointment.

Furthermore, whatever the holiday does bring is often compared to what used to be and is found lacking. A childhood memory of a special day is hard to recapture. Whenever we engage in comparison, we risk losing the joy of what actually is present at the moment. Comparison only creates frustration and more disappointment.

What can be done? According to clinical psychologist and author, Dr. Dan Johnston, the answer is that in order to have a good holiday, don't create unrealistic expectations and don't get caught up in comparison.

If you find yourself in new circumstances and know that the holidays may be hard, then take responsibility for yourself. Don't wait to see what happens. Make something happen. Create the holiday you want by making realistic plans. Get involved and take action.

If you are in a new community, be sure you get invited somewhere. Let others know what you need. Make yourself available. Or, invite someone to join you in the holiday celebration.

Find out what the community offers and participate in it. Go to the concerts and parades. Get involved. Volunteer some of your time to people who are in need and bring joy to them.

If dealing with grief over the death of significant people in your life, plan a ritual of remembrance for them. Bring them into the celebration and don't try to avoid the reality of the loss. Intentionally remembering people no longer present will be helpful. Tell fun stories about them and say a prayer for them at a meal. Light a candle and set out favorite photographs of your times together. Celebrate the joyous times that were shared.

Holidays bring nostalgia and have up and down times. This is normal. Don't look for fulfillment of all of your desires. Don't get caught up in unrealistic expectation and comparison. Accept and enjoy the present moment. With planning and action you can create a good holiday experience for yourself.



DAPA Notes: Responsible Drinking

Let me take this time to wish every one a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. As always it is stressed that people drink responsibly. But do you know what "Responsible Drinking" is? Responsible use of alcohol is the application of self-imposed limitations of time, place, and quantity. Alcohol consumption is never an acceptable excuse for misconduct or poor judgement. The use of alcohol shall not:

1. Impair the rational and full exercise of a member's mental and physical faculties while on duty or in the performance of military duties.
2. Reduce their dependability or reliability
3. Reflect discredit upon the member personally or upon your branch of Service (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, or Coast Guard).

So have fun this holiday but do so with these guidelines in mind. Remember the Safe Ride Program will be in effect with extra drivers available for the Christmas and New Years Party. Lets get through this Holiday Season with NO DWI's/DUI's.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Command DAPA, AK1 Robbin Smith at 4099 or 4225.

NAVSTA Sailor of the Year

*Congratulations AK1 Robbin Smith
of Air Operations on being selected
NAVSTA Sailor of the Year*

Congratulations to all NAVSTA Sailor of the Year Nominees

IS1 Shannon Gallops
AK1 Robbin Smith
NC1 Erika Stead
MA1 William Stinson
MA1 David Taylor
MA1 Walter Zapf

Intelligence
Air Operations
Command Career Counselor
Force Protection
Security
Security

Parade Lights Up GTMO Waterways

A flotilla of decorated boats made their way through the bay on Saturday as GTMO held its annual Holiday Boat Parade. Although smaller than in past years, the boats were all aglow with colored lights and holiday decorations and still managed to make spectators cheer and smile.

Residents were able to view the floating light extravaganza from the Bayview Patio and a number of other bayside locations, as well as enjoy some holiday fun and cheer.

The boat parade is always a very special occasion here and a favorite way of getting into the Holiday spirit – GTMO Style.



Above: Master of Ceremonies and MWR Director Craig Basel thanks all event participants before he and Capt. Bob Buehn presented trophies to all.



Above: Not even a giant Grinch and some electrical connection problems that slightly delayed their departure, could steal the Christmas spirit away from the Fire Department Crew (inset).



Above: Two "kids" who let their [normally hidden] pirate personalities cut loose were Debi Buehn and Betty Fair. Duels with water cannons at 10 paces, or even on the run through the marina were a source of many grins and frantic searches for dry cover.

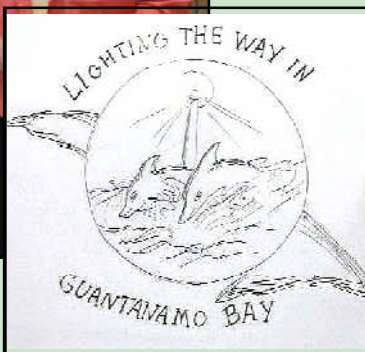
Right: "Mr. Gator," Art Torley, once again combined his flair for lights and patriotic displays to put together the "Gator Freighter's" 2002 paddle wheel holiday design.



Spouse's Seminar Logo Contest Winner



Above: Kim-Thi Hawkens (center), poses with Diana Schriefer and Debi Buehn after receiving her \$100 prize for her winning logo design (right).



Kim-Thi Hawkens, a student at W. T. Sampson High School, is the winner of the 2003 Spouse's Seminar Logo Contest.

Her design will be used for the 3rd Annual Spouse's Seminar logo. The grand prize was \$100.

The contest was directed by Spouses' Seminar Member Judy House and Art Teacher Dawn Adams.

The purpose of the Spouse's Seminar is to provide an enjoyable experience designed to equip you with the resources you need to successfully navigate your way through military life or life associated with the military. The date of the Spouse's Seminar to be announced.

Surgeon Generals Visit GTMO

Story and Photos by Lt. Brian Pickle, Naval Hospital, GTMO

The Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense, Force Health Protection Readiness, Ellen Embrey, along with the four U.S. Surgeon Generals, VADM Richard Carmona, the U.S. Navy Surgeon General, VADM Michael Cowan, the U.S. Army Surgeon General LTG James Peake and the U.S. Air Force Surgeon General, LT GEN George Taylor visited Guantanamo Bay on December 17. While on base, the distinguished guests visited troops at the Naval Hospital, Camp America Joint Aid Station, and Detention Hospital as well as the Naval Base and JTF Commanders.

The one day visit was strictly to talk to the troops and let them know that they are not forgotten. The troops they visited were reassured that the entire country is proud of what they're doing here in Guantanamo Bay. They wished the Sailors and Soldiers "Happy Holiday's" and thanked them for their service and sacrifice they are making away from their loved ones defending our country this season. VADM Cowan had time to hold an Admiral's call at the Naval Hospital and the entire group held Admiral's call at the Detention Hospital and presented several individual awards.



Above: (l to r) The four U.S. Surgeon Generals - LTG James Peake, U.S. Army; LT GEN George Taylor, U.S. Air Force; VADM Richard Carmona, U.S. Surgeon General; and VADM Michael Cowan, U.S. Navy Surgeon General. Right: Naval Hospital SOY, HM1 Bagley shakes hand of U.S. Navy Surgeon General, VADM Michael Cowan.



Holiday Contest Showcases Creativity



Above: The Manpower Office was a winner in two categories - Most Seasonal and Most Creative.

The staff member's in Bulkeley Hall got into the spirit of the season with a Door Decorating Contest and Christmas luncheon.

The contest tested the creativity of the various departments. Some departments showcased not only fancy holiday decorations, but were also able to tie in what type of job they did in their offices.

Categories for the winning doors ranged from Most Festive to Least Worst. And although not everyone could be chosen as a winner, one thing is certain the halls are a little brighter and the doors bring smiles and help spread good cheer.

Thanks to all of the entrants for their hard work and creativity. Thanks to the judges, Fire Chief Frank Kruppa and JTFGTMO Command Sergeant Major George Nieves, for giving your time to thoughtfully study each door.

Lastly, thank you to all those who brought in food for the luncheon after the contest judging. We looking forward to seeing what themes people come up with for next season. Happy Holidays to all!



Left/Above: Command Career Counselor, NC1 Erika Stead, accepts an award from the judges in the Least Worst category.



Above: After the judging, workers gathered in the CO's Conference Room for the awarding of certificates and a free holiday luncheon.

Right: Pot Luck Luncheon participants set up their holiday feast, including all the trimmings.

Left: Lt. Cmdr. Nygard and LN1 Andrew Gorrell accept the certificate for Most Festive for their "Sweets from da Legal Office" door.



Worship Services

Catholic Mass (Main Chapel)

Monday - Friday
Daily Mass (Cobre Chapel) 0630

Friday
Holy Hour/Rosary 1700
(Cobre Chapel)

Saturday
Reconciliation 1630
Eucharist/Mass 1730

Sunday
Eucharist/Mass 0900
Mass - Leeward Side 1215
Eucharistic Adoration/Reflective
Prayer (Cobre Chapel)
Daily 24hrs

Protestant Services

Sunday
Services - Main Chapel 1100 & 1930
Camp America 0900

New Life (Main Chapel)

Sunday
Worship Service 1245
Sunday School (Sanctuary B) 1130

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints

(Sanctuary A)
Sunday Sacrament 0900

Jewish (Fellowship Hall)

Every Friday 2000

Filipino Bible Fellowship

(Sanctuary A)
Sunday
Worship 1800

Iglesia Ni Cristo

(Sanctuary B)
Sunday
Worship 2000

Pentecostal Gospel

Temple

(Sanctuary C)
Sunday
Worship 0800 & 1700

Seventh Day Adventist

(Sanctuary B)
Saturday
Divine Service 1100

Islamic Service

(Classroom 18)
Friday
Worship 1300

United Jamacian Fellowship

(BLDG. 1036 - Next to Phoenix Cable)
Sunday Service 1100 & 1830

*Please ask the Faith Group
Representative about Sunday
School Times, Education
Programs, Bible Study, Prayer
Groups, etc. For more, call the
Chaplain's Office at 2323.*

HOLIDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Catholic

December 24

1700 Main Chapel
2400 Main Chapel
2400 Camp America-White Tent

December 25

0900 Main Chapel
1000 Camp America-White Tent
1215 Leeward Side, Bldg. 525

December 31

1730 Main Chapel
1900 Camp America-Wooden Chapel

January 1

0900 Main Chapel
1000 Camp America-Wooden Chapel
1215 Leeward Side, Bldg. 525

Protestant

December 24

1830 Main Chapel
1900 Camp America-White Tent

December 31

2100 Main Chapel-Fellowship Hall



The Best Cappuccino On The Island!

*Bring this coupon in to the
Iguana Crossing Coffee Shop for a
free cappuccino, flavored coffee, or
spiced tea of your choice.*

*Open Monday, Wednesday, Friday and
Saturday nights from 6-10pm.*

*Escape from GTMO! Come enjoy a cup of
java in a fun, laid-back atmosphere.*

Available Classes for Term III - continued

Saturday - 8am - 1pm

**SOCIAL SCIENCE 101 - GENERAL COURSE I -
INTRODUCTION TO THE SCIENTIFIC STUDY
OF HUMAN BEHAVIOR** 3cr (Rm. 17) D. Coakley

Academic Policies

No Show Withdrawal: Students who do not attend the first three class sessions and do not inform the instructor of their intention to continue in the class will be withdrawn from the class and issued a NSW.

Administrative Withdrawal: Students who are continuously absent prior to the mid-term and do not take the mid-term exam will be withdrawn from the class and issued a grade of ADW.

Incomplete: Students who have actively perused a course, have earned a passing grade up to the final exam, but have not completed the final exam and /or, specific assignments due to extenuating, circumstances (emergency leave, TAD/TDY), may be issued a grade of "I" by petition. The student must bring documentation of leave/TAD to the CCC's office to complete the necessary paper work before he/she leaves the island. The deadline to reconcile an incomplete

grade is the last day of the next term. If the course is not completed by the deadline, the "I" grade automatically degenerates to an "F".

Withdrawal: Students may withdraw from a course until the day before the final exam. This action must be requested on the college's official withdrawal form and approved by the instructor and Area Coordinator. If students withdraw from the course after ADD/DROP week then students receiving Tuition Assistance are required to pay for the course in full. Active duty service members must assume all responsibilities for the tuition assistance received from the Navy/Army/Air Force under circumstances of Administrative Withdrawal, No Show Withdrawal, or Withdrawal. Active duty service members may receive reimbursement of Tuition and/or Tuition Assistance ONLY in case of deployment. In this instance, a copy of the deployment orders must be submitted in addition to the standard withdrawal form.

Attendance for Exams: Attendance for exams is mandatory. If you have duty or will be off the island due to TAD orders, you must submit written documentation to CCC's office verifying your absence. Personal leave is not an acceptable excuse for missing an exam.

Creature Feature

***"Creature Features" are submitted by The Guantanamo Bay
Environmental Office***

By Paul Schoenfeld
Natural Resources Manager

This is the last in a series on coral reefs responding to the documented decline in the condition of coral reefs worldwide. The DOD is a member of the multi-agency Coral Reef Task Force addressing this decline globally. The DOD has an active role in coral reef conservation and, utilizing its technology and expertise, provides a high level of support to the Coral Reef Task Force initiatives.

At GTMO, we are fortunate to have an extensive coral reef system. These reefs provide us with very high quality recreational diving, fishing, snorkeling, and other uses. Our reefs are also in relatively good condition compared to many other reef systems and this is due in large part to DOD jurisdiction. As our mission progresses and our population grows, it becomes imperative that each and every one of us act responsibly with respect to our coral reefs. This begins with recycling our waste, proper disposal of hazardous waste, obeying the fishing and boating regulations in COMNAVBASEGTMOINST 1710.10H, and being careful when diving or anchoring a boat. One careless diver or one anchor in the coral can instantly damage what took decades to grow.

Continued from last week

By now we have looked at the functions and values of coral reefs, their significant economic and ecological roles, how reefs are formed, their complex relationships with other communities including upland watersheds, and problems impacting coral either directly or indirectly by impacting associated communities. These problems are being addressed globally, regionally, and locally through the Coral Reef Task Force and other initiatives.

While prior efforts focused on the coral reef itself, conservation measures now focus on the entire ecosystem including sea grass beds, mangroves, and associated upland watersheds. These efforts recognize the importance of the larger system and use coastal zone and watershed concepts in developing comprehensive management plans. One example is the establishment of the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary operating under a very broad conservation plan intended to sustain coral reefs of the Florida Keys. This plan manages the reefs as a part of a much larger and more complex watershed system utilizing the best available scientific information to guide conservation measures that reduce impacts throughout the entire ecosystem.

Other coral reef conservation measures extending beyond the reef itself include establishing vegetated buffer zones between agricultural/forestry areas and receiving

CORAL REEFS



Yellowtail Snapper are common on GTMO reefs. Photo is from NOAA.

waters; utilizing erosion and sedimentation control best management practices in construction, agriculture, forestry, and other land disturbing activities; constructing upland sedimentation basins to contain sediments and contaminants from urban runoff; restoring mangrove forests and other wetlands which have been lost due to natural or human induced impacts; and others.

Some conservation measures are used to avoid direct local impacts to the reef itself. The DOD frequently uses Navy divers to “place” underwater cables and other submerged utilities in a manner that avoids coral reefs. Likewise, a joint effort between the Base and the Reef Raiders Dive Club placed mooring buoys around the Phillips Park Dive Pier. Recreational vessels can tie up to these moorings and avoid damaging coral reefs with anchors. The Reef Raiders Dive Club frequently sponsors “eco-dives” where divers remove debris which has washed up on coral reefs and sea grass beds.

GTMO's coral reefs are a vital component of the marine ecosystem and contribute greatly to our quality of life. They provide us with an array of recreational opportunities which many people can only dream of. It is imperative that each and every one of us take it upon ourselves to conserve these reefs directly through responsible use and indirectly at work and at home through erosion and sedimentation control during construction, recycling solid waste, properly disposing of hazardous waste, and adhering to fishing limits. Our combined efforts will insure GTMO's coral reefs remain intact for future generations to benefit from as we are doing now.

GTMO SHOPPER

FOR SALE

(1) Day Bed with two twin mattresses and black metal frame, \$125. Phone 7511.

(1) Clothes Dryer, good shape, Large Microwave oven, A/C (12,000 btu), Coffee table, Artificial tree. Phone 5720.

(2) Entertainment Center (\$25), Sleeper Couch (\$50). Call 7699.

(3) Dive Gear - 4 mens, 1 womans BC's regulators, tanks, weight belts, fins, other misc. Moving this week must sell. Sets or seperately. Call 7821.

(3) Trampoline - 14ft. New Pads - Decent condition. \$25. Call 7821.

(3) LIKE NEW - Mazda 626 floor mats for back and front \$25. AWH 7864.

(3) Handy Stitch Cordless Sewing Machine - Never used. Selling for \$10 OBO. Call 7056 after 4pm.

VEHICLES/BOATS

(1) 1988 Chevy Nova. Working AC/ Radio. Available immediately. Call 4616 (DWH).

(1) 1990 Toyota Camry - A/C, 4-spd, good condition; asking \$1500. Call 5411 for DKC Jackson.

(1) GTMO Special 1981 2-door Ford Granada - power windows. Asking \$650. Available Dec. 23. Call Tim (H) 7785 or (W) 4135.

(1) 2001 Jeep Wrangler Sahara with 12,000 miles. 6 cylinder, 4X4, AC, AM/FM Stereo CD Player, Sound Bar, Automatic, brown soft top and black bikini top. Asking \$18,000 negotiable. Call DWH 72299, AWH 7411.

(3) 1987 Mako 224 center console, powered by 200 Yamaha with many extras. Kicker 9.9, GPS, ship to shore radio, 2000 foot depth/ fish recorder, 600 foot depth/ fish recorder, down rigger, two outriggers, down planers, boat is in tip top shape, ready to use. Also comes with a "shore line" aluminum float on trailer. Equipment was just inspected. Moored at "Dock of the Bay" in slip 7B. Asking \$11,000. Call Allan at W - 4416 or H - 3431).

(3) 1983 Pick-up Truck. NOT A GTMO SPECIAL. Very reliable and in good shape. New tires, fresh paint job. FMI, call Henry at 7333 or 2010.

WANTED

Wanted: House Cleaner to clean a

Nob Hill three-bedroom home every other week. Person to auto detail two privately owned vehicles. Please call 5885 and leave a message.

The American Red Cross is seeking a volunteer to work in our office through the month of December. Please call 5060 if you can help.

Wanted: Sitter (in my home or yours) for my 8 year old daughter needed for Saturday's. Please contact Eric at 5859 (AWH) for the details.

EMPLOYMENT

McDonald's Maintenance Person, mornings - 6am to 2pm. Cashiers, evenings - 5 to 8pm. Interviews on Wednesday from 2-4pm. Call David at 3797 for more information.

The following are job vacancies currently open through the Human Resource Division. FMI, call 4822 or 4430.

Vacancies

Lead Firefighter, extended - closes 12/27/02 - Open to current Foreign National Employees of the NAVSTA Fire Department only
Administrative Services Assistant (OA), closes 12/26/02
Housing Management Assistant, closes 12/31/02

Security Assistant, closes 1/3/03
Open Continuous Vacancies:
Firefighter, 1st cutoff 11/20/02, closes 11/06/03 - Open to permanent, full-time Jamaican Foreign National employees who were recruited and are employed by MWR, NEX, Naval Station and Tenant Commands serviced by the Naval Station HRO and Jamaican Foreign National contractor employees.

Community Bank has a full time teller position open. Resumes are being accepted. FYI 5116.

NEX Cashier (cash cage) - Reg/Full Time - Weekdays & Weekends. NOTE: Any contractors considering Full Time employment with the Navy Exchange must have a letter of release from your present employer attached to your application.

Full and part time food service positions open at the Bayview/ Windjammer Clubs: Baker, Cook, Server and Bus Person. Apply at the MWR Personnel office in Bldg. 760 on Admin Hill.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NAVY FEDERAL CUSTOMERS -

NFCU will be open 9:30am to 1pm on Dec. 24th and Dec. 31st.

SERVICES

Math Tutor: Elementary, high school and college math. Email me at math652002@yahoo.com.

Need a night to yourself, or just want to go out. Certified and experienced baby-sitter. Call Amanda at 7892.

Need help at home? Call Chaz at 7466 (does mowing, weed eating, and gardening). Prices negotiable.

Red Cross certified baby sitter. Experienced, responsible, and ready for anything. Call 7976, ask for Jessica.

Like to get away and have nights to yourselves? Experienced baby-sitter of 5 years! Call Mariah at 7466.

Experienced, Red Cross Certified baby-sitter available. Call Melissa at 5418.

Red Cross certified and experienced. Need a baby-sitter call CJ at 5418.

Baby-sitter - American Red Cross certified. Call Rhett at 7864 for your child care.

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LOST & FOUND

Found - Man wedding ring found in the parking lot of McDonalds. Please contact Judy Ortiz at 3500 or 5518

if you believe this ring is yours.

Lost - Blue Backpack at Buffett concert. Medication inside. If found, call 6012 (DWH) or 7073 (AWH).

Lost - Nov 15 a Pioneer 8mm camcorder was taken from the high school. We would like to ask for its return, especially the tape inside as it has some memories of our children. Call 7505 for more information.

PETS

The Vet Clinic currently has 3 kittens for adoption, 2 males, 1 female. They are approximately 10 weeks old. The adoption fee is \$65. Anyone interested can contact the clinic during normal business hours M-F 0830-1600 @ 2101 or 2212.

Just in time for Christmas, free to a good home, a two year old GTMO cat. She is house broken and comes with toys, bed, and litter box. We are moving and can not take our GTMO cat with us. Please come and see your new gtmo cat. Call 5855.

YARD SALE

Saturday, Dec. 21 - CP11A, starting at 8pm. Furniture, toys, bikes, bunk beds, couches, computer desk and more.

Saturday, Dec. 21 - CP17A, starting at 8am - NO EARLY BIRDS! Toys, kids clothes, household items.

IGUANA CROSSING

ATTENTION ALL POETS!

Beginning Jan. 11, 2003 the Iguana Crossing will sponsor poetry readings each Saturday. Sign ups will be from 6-6:30pm and readings will begin at 7pm and end when everyone has read.

Poetry Workshop - All are welcome to participate in the Poetry Workshop each Monday from 7 to 8pm beginning Jan. 6. For more information, please contact LT Marcus Warren at 3128/8033.

ATTENTION MUSICIANS!

Musicians wanted to provide accompaniment for poets on poetry nights. For more information, please contact LT Marcus Warren at 3128/8033.

TREASURE PLANET



Animated Kids/Family
1 hr. 35 min.

Starring:
*Joseph Gordon-Levitt,
Brian Murray, Emma
Thompson,
David Hyde Pierce,
Martin Short*

The legendary "loot of a thousand worlds" inspires an intergalactic treasure hunt when fifteen- year-old Jim Hawkins stumbles upon a map to the greatest pirate trove in the universe

BROWN SUGAR

Romance
1 hr. 48 min.

Starring:
*Taye Diggs,
Sanaa Lathan,
Mos Def,
Queen Latifah,
Nicole Ari Parker*



Sidney and Dre can attribute their friendship and the launch of their careers to one single childhood instant - witnessing the birth of hip-hop on a New York street corner. Now, some fifteen years later, she is a revered music critic and he is a successful, though unfulfilled, music executive. Both come to realize that their true-life passions will only be fulfilled by remembering what they learned on that street corner.

WHITE OLEANDER



Drama
1 hr. 49 min.

Starring:
*Michelle Pfeiffer,
Alison Lohman,
Patrick Fugit,
Noah Wyle,
Robin Wright Penn*

White Oleander chronicles the life of Astrid (Alison Lohman), a young teenager who journeys through a series of foster homes after her mother (Michelle Pfeiffer) goes to prison for committing a crime of passion. Set adrift in the world, Astrid struggles to become her own person while coming to terms with the challenges of living life on her own.

Movies

FRIDAY, DEC 20

7pm Treasure Planet
R - 95min

9pm Brown Sugar
PG - 108min

SATURDAY, DEC 21

7pm White Oleander
PG13 - 109min

9pm The Ring
R - 99min

SUNDAY, DEC 22

7pm Harry Potter & The
Chamber of Secrets
PG - 160min

MONDAY, DEC 23

7pm Die Another Day
PG13 - 99min

TUESDAY, DEC 24

7pm Treasure Planet
PG - 95min

9pm The Transporter
PG13 - 92min

WEDNESDAY, DEC 25

7pm White Oleander
PG13 - 109min

9pm Sweet Home Alabama
PG13 - 109min

THURSDAY, DEC 26

7pm Brown Sugar
PG13 - 108min



**What's
Happening...**

Teen Center

December 20
Holiday Party
FMI call 4658

Youth Center

December 20
Holiday Craft Night
FMI call 4658

GTMO Queen Fishing Trip

December 21
5pm to midnight
Sign up at the Marina
\$5 per person
20 Person Limit
FMI Call 2345

Chess Tournament

December 22
3pm at the Liberty Center
1st, 2nd, & 3rd Place Trophies
No entry fee
FMI call 2010

Holiday Rental Special

December 24th - 26th
Half price on all hourly rates
(not including gas or the GTMO Queen)
Marina Holiday Hours
Dec 24th 6am to 6pm
Dec 25th 12pm to 6pm
Dec 31st 6am to 7pm
Jan 1st 12pm to 7pm

Performing Live

The Ballentine Band

December 24th & 26th at 8pm at the
Windjammer Club
December 27th at 8pm on the
Bayview Patio

New Year's Eve Resolution Run

December 31
11:59 at the Base Gym
Sign up at the Base Gym
FMI Call 2193

Parent's Night Out

December 31st 5:30pm to 12:30am
A reservation fee of \$2.50 is due by
December 26th for December 31st to
hold a spot for your child(ren).
An additional fee of \$1.50 is due for
each additional child. The reservation
fee is non-refundable. One hour-\$2.50,
two hours-\$5.00 and three or
more hours-\$12.00

For more information on any of the events
listed above, call 5225.